

**FRESNO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)**  
**(FRESNO COUNTY)**  
**Farm employment increased by 9,700 jobs over the month**

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**Between April 2016 and May 2016**, total industry employment increased by 10,700 jobs (up 2.8 percent) to total 392,000. The month-over gain was concentrated in farm employment, which grew by 9,700 jobs (up 20.6 percent), and nonfarm employment rose by 1,000 jobs (up 0.3 percent).

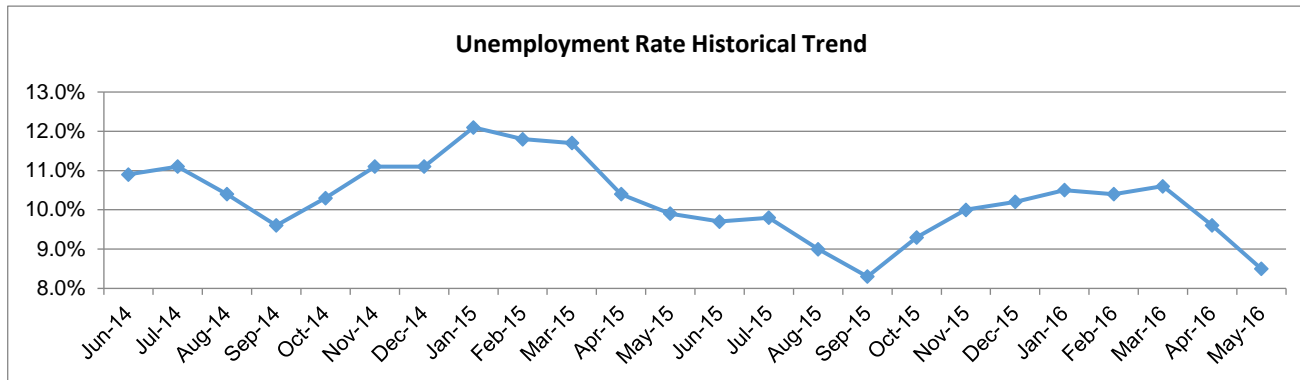
- Farm employment posted a normal seasonal increase, rising by 9,700 jobs. Alfalfa for hay production was cut and baled. Blueberry and strawberry harvests continued.
- Leisure and hospitality grew by 1,000 jobs. Accommodation and food services accounted for 60 percent of the job gain in this sector.
- Government registered a net gain of 500 jobs. A gain in local government (up 700 jobs) offset a decline of 200 jobs in federal government.
- Manufacturing increased by 300 jobs, and other services grew by 100 jobs.

**Between May 2015 and May 2016**, total industry employment increased by 14,000 jobs (up 3.7 percent). Nonfarm employment rose by 10,800 jobs (up 3.3 percent), and farm employment gained 3,200 jobs (up 6.0 percent).

- Government reported the largest year-over increase of 3,900 jobs. Gains were in local government (up 3,200 jobs), federal government (up 500 jobs), and state government (up 200 jobs).
- Farm employment expanded payrolls by 3,200 jobs, the largest year-over change reported for May in this industry since 2012.
- Trade, transportation, and utilities recorded a gain of 3,100 jobs. Retail trade added 1,600 jobs, wholesale trade grew by 800 jobs, and transportation, warehousing, and utilities climbed by 700 jobs.
- Educational and health services grew by 2,400 jobs. Healthcare and social assistance added 2,100 jobs, and educational services rose by 300 jobs.
- Manufacturing posted an increase of 1,100 jobs, and financial activities advanced by 600 jobs.

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Industry	Apr-2016	May-2016	Change		May-2015	May-2016	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	381,300	392,000	10,700		378,000	392,000	14,000
Total Farm	47,200	56,900	9,700		53,700	56,900	3,200
Total Nonfarm	334,100	335,100	1,000		324,300	335,100	10,800
Mining, Logging, and Construction	15,200	15,200	0		15,300	15,200	(100)
Mining and Logging	300	300	0		300	300	0
Construction	14,900	14,900	0		15,000	14,900	(100)
Manufacturing	25,300	25,600	300		24,500	25,600	1,100
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	65,300	65,000	(300)		61,900	65,000	3,100
Information	3,900	3,900	0		3,900	3,900	0
Financial Activities	13,600	13,600	0		13,000	13,600	600
Professional & Business Services	31,400	31,000	(400)		31,500	31,000	(500)
Educational & Health Services	62,300	62,100	(200)		59,700	62,100	2,400
Leisure & Hospitality	31,400	32,400	1,000		32,200	32,400	200
Other Services	11,600	11,700	100		11,600	11,700	100
Government	74,100	74,600	500		70,700	74,600	3,900

Notes: Data not adjusted for seasonality. Data may not add due to rounding  
Labor force data are revised month to month  
Additional data are available on line at [www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov](http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov)

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Industry Employment & Labor Force  
March 2015 Benchmark

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	May 15	Mar 16	Apr 16 Revised	May 16 Prelim	Percent Change Month Year	
Civilian Labor Force (1)	449,800	445,500	448,300	450,900	0.6%	0.2%
Civilian Employment	405,400	398,400	405,200	412,500	1.8%	1.8%
Civilian Unemployment	44,400	47,100	43,100	38,300	-11.1%	-13.7%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	9.9%	10.6%	9.6%	8.5%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	6.1%	5.6%	5.2%	4.7%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	5.3%	5.1%	4.7%	4.5%		

Total, All Industries (2)	378,000	371,300	381,300	392,000	2.8%	3.7%
Total Farm	53,700	40,800	47,200	56,900	20.6%	6.0%
Total Nonfarm	324,300	330,500	334,100	335,100	0.3%	3.3%
Total Private	253,600	257,300	260,000	260,500	0.2%	2.7%
Goods Producing	39,800	39,700	40,500	40,800	0.7%	2.5%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	15,300	14,900	15,200	15,200	0.0%	-0.7%
Mining and Logging	300	300	300	300	0.0%	0.0%
Construction	15,000	14,600	14,900	14,900	0.0%	-0.7%
Specialty Trade Contractors	9,700	10,000	10,100	10,200	1.0%	5.2%
Manufacturing	24,500	24,800	25,300	25,600	1.2%	4.5%
Durable Goods	8,300	8,100	8,300	8,200	-1.2%	-1.2%
Nondurable Goods	16,200	16,700	17,000	17,400	2.4%	7.4%
Food Manufacturing	12,200	12,300	12,500	12,800	2.4%	4.9%
Service Providing	284,500	290,800	293,600	294,300	0.2%	3.4%
Private Service Providing	213,800	217,600	219,500	219,700	0.1%	2.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	61,900	64,700	65,300	65,000	-0.5%	5.0%
Wholesale Trade	13,400	14,300	14,100	14,200	0.7%	6.0%
Retail Trade	36,600	38,000	38,700	38,200	-1.3%	4.4%
Food & Beverage Stores	7,600	7,800	7,900	7,900	0.0%	3.9%
General Merchandise Stores	8,500	8,500	8,600	8,700	1.2%	2.4%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	11,900	12,400	12,500	12,600	0.8%	5.9%
Transportation & Warehousing	9,700	10,200	10,300	10,400	1.0%	7.2%
Information	3,900	3,900	3,900	3,900	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	13,000	13,500	13,600	13,600	0.0%	4.6%
Finance & Insurance	8,400	8,600	8,600	8,600	0.0%	2.4%
Insurance Carriers & Related	4,400	4,600	4,500	4,500	0.0%	2.3%
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	4,600	4,900	5,000	5,000	0.0%	8.7%
Professional & Business Services	31,500	30,800	31,400	31,000	-1.3%	-1.6%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	10,200	10,500	10,800	10,300	-4.6%	1.0%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	0.0%	0.0%
Administrative & Support & Waste Services	19,200	18,200	18,500	18,600	0.5%	-3.1%
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Waste Management & Remediation Services	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	0.0%	0.0%
Educational & Health Services	59,700	62,700	62,300	62,100	-0.3%	4.0%
Educational Services	3,900	4,300	4,300	4,200	-2.3%	7.7%
Health Care & Social Assistance	55,800	58,400	58,000	57,900	-0.2%	3.8%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	16,700	17,400	17,300	17,400	0.6%	4.2%
Hospitals	12,300	13,000	13,000	12,900	-0.8%	4.9%
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	7,300	7,500	7,400	7,400	0.0%	1.4%
Social Assistance	19,500	20,500	20,300	20,200	-0.5%	3.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	32,200	30,500	31,400	32,400	3.2%	0.6%
Accommodation & Food Services	28,200	27,100	27,700	28,300	2.2%	0.4%
Food Services & Drinking Places	26,200	25,800	26,200	26,600	1.5%	1.5%
Other Services	11,600	11,500	11,600	11,700	0.9%	0.9%
Government	70,700	73,200	74,100	74,600	0.7%	5.5%
Federal Government	10,400	10,700	11,100	10,900	-1.8%	4.8%
State & Local Government	60,300	62,500	63,000	63,700	1.1%	5.6%
State Government	12,100	12,200	12,300	12,300	0.0%	1.7%
State Government Education	3,800	3,900	3,900	3,900	0.0%	2.6%
Local Government	48,200	50,300	50,700	51,400	1.4%	6.6%

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Local Government Education	32,500	34,400	34,700	35,200	1.4%	8.3%
Local Government Excluding Education	15,700	15,900	16,000	16,200	1.3%	3.2%
County	7,000	7,300	7,400	7,400	0.0%	5.7%
City	5,000	5,100	5,100	5,200	2.0%	4.0%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	3,700	3,500	3,500	3,600	2.9%	-2.7%

**Notes:**

(1) Civilian labor force data are by place of residence; include self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike.  
Data may not add due to rounding. The unemployment rate is calculated using unrounded data.

(2) Industry employment is by place of work; excludes self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike.  
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These data are produced by the Labor Market Information Division of the California Employment Development Department (EDD). Questions should be directed to:  
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